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The Honorable Robert E. Andrews
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Andrews:

Thank you for your letter of January 10, 1997, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Ron Coleman, Council President, Township of Monroe, Williamstown, New Jersey. Mr. Coleman expresses concern that the Commission's proposal to assign a second television channel to each existing television station would have a detrimental impact on land mobile operators in the Philadelphia/New Jersey area and possibly result in a severe financial impact on the Township of Monroe, New Jersey.

On July 25, 1996, the Commission proposed policies for allotting channels for DTV service and also provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments. (Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC No. 96-317, released August 14, 1996). In that action, the Commission proposed to provide all existing television broadcasters with a second 6 MHz channel for digital broadcasting. The Commission's plan for allotment of DTV channels would maintain the channels currently used for land mobile operations in a number of major markets, including channels 19 and 20 in the Philadelphia and adjacent New Jersey region. While our draft DTV Table would provide for use of channel 21 in Vineland, New Jersey, we believe that engineering solutions are available for avoiding interference between DTV and land mobile operations on adjacent frequencies. At the same time, we understand the potential for interference between existing land mobile services and new DTV operations in the Philadelphia/New Jersey region. Please be assured that we are carefully evaluating all available alternatives for maintaining the interests of land mobile operators as well as broadcasters as we develop the DTV Table of Allotments.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith
Chief
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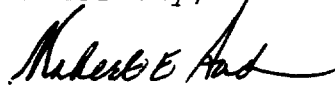
Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write to you on behalf of Mr. Ron Coleman, Council President, Township of Monroe, 125 Vrgina Ave., Williamstown, NJ 08094, who has contacted my office for assistance. Enclosed please find correspondence regarding an FCC proposal which would assign a second TV channel to each existing TV station. Monroe Township strongly opposes this proposal.

I would appreciate if you would afford Monroe Township all due consideration under the law in their efforts. In addition I would be interested in receiving your review and reply to this correspondence so that I may advise them accordingly.

Please forward your response to the attention of my aide, Ms. Susan Gronek, at 506A White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035, (609) 546-5100, Fax: (609) 546-9529. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



ROBERT E. ANDREWS
Member of Congress

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December 27, 1996

The Honorable Robert Andrews
United States Representative
63 North Broadway
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Dear Congressman Andrews:

RE: Ron Coleman, Council President
125 Virginia Avenue
Williamstown, NJ 08094

I am enclosing copies of a resolution I recently received from Ron Coleman, Council President, Monroe Township, concerning proposed changes to Emergency Services Radio Frequencies.


While I can appreciate Councilman Coleman's concerns, as a state legislator, I am unable to directly affect those matters that are under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

I would be most appreciative if you would review this situation to insure that the concerns expressed by Monroe Township are thoroughly addressed.

Please forward any pertinent information or correspondence concerning this matter to the attention of my legislative aide, Hal Spence.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Sean F. Dalton
Assemblyman, Fourth District

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enclosure
cc: Ron Coleman, Council President

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO
EMERGENCY SERVICES RADIO FREQUENCIES**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe are aware of proposal by the Federal Communications Commission to develop high definition digital television; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would assign a second TV channel to each existing TV station, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would have a severe financial impact on the Township of Monroe as the Township would need to replace it's existing radio equipment at considerable expense;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that they hereby oppose the proposal by the FCC which appears to represent an unfunded mandate to the Township of Monroe.

BE IT FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Federal Communication Commission in care of Chairman Hundt, United States Senators, Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, Congressman Robert Andrews, New Jersey State Legislatures Senator John Matheussen, Assemblyman George Geist and Assemblyman Sean Dalton, Gloucester County Freeholder Stephen R. Salvatore and Daniel Mangini and all municipalities located within the County of Gloucester.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE


ENCL. PRES. RON COLEMAN

ATTEST:


TWP. CLERK, JEANETTE MOYER, RMC/CMC/AAE
or SUSAN McCORMICK, DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, Gloucester County, New Jersey, held on the 16th of December, 1996 at the Municipal Building, located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.


TWP. CLERK, JEANETTE MOYER, RMC/CMC/AAE
or SUSAN McCORMICK, DEPUTY CLERK

